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- 1. YOU MAY ACCEPT PROPOSAL BY DEPUTY SACLANTREPEUR ON CATEGORIZING DPQ RESPONSES RELATING TO NATIONAL INTENTIONS OR ACTION ON FORCE GOALS.
- 2. IN ADDITION TO SACLANT PROPOSAL WE WOULD LIKE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE DPQ(78) CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION ON NATIONAL ACTIONS DURING COMMITMENT YEAR, SO THAT A CLEAR PICTURE OF FIRM NATIONAL ACTIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR IS AVAILABLE. FYI. THIS WOULD AVOID PROBLEM OF BREAKING OUT EUROPACKAGE. END FYI.

3. WE ALSO EXPECT DPQ(78) TO CARRY A REQUIREMENT FOR FULL

REPORTING ON STATUS OF SHORT-TERM MEASURES, AS WELL AS FOR INDICATIONS OF ANY NATIONAL DECISIONS ON LONG-TERM PROGRAMS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF DPQ RESPONSE.

4. EMPHASIS ON USE OF FALL REVIEW OF NATIONAL FORCE PLANS

FOR DETAILED EXAMINATION OF NATIONAL RESPONSES TO NATO FORCE GOALS SHOULD NOT OVER-SHADOW UTILITY OF FALL REVIEW FOR FULL VENTILATION OF FORCE PLANS. IT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT TO EXAMINE WHAT COUNTRIES PLAN TO DO AS IT IS TO DETERMINE WHAT THEY DON'T PLAN TO DO.

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